

REMARKS

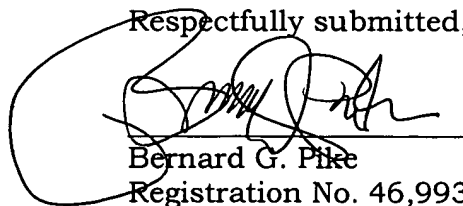
1. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims of the subject application into the following six invention groups:

- I. Claims 286-298, drawn to a telefunctional multi-arm star copolymer;
- II. Claims 299-304, drawn to a vinyl acetate based block copolymer;
- III. Claim 305, drawn to a methacrylate based block copolymer;
- IV. Claims 306-313, 318-319, drawn to a generic type block copolymer;
- V. Claim 314, drawn to a telechelic copolymer; and
- VI. Claims 315 and 316, drawn to a generic type graft copolymer.

Applicants herein elect Group IV, including Claims 306-313 and 318-319 for further examination in the subject application without traverse and without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have made a diligent effort to fully respond to the Restriction Requirement presented by the Examiner. Examination of the application's elected claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicants' present response, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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